

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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TRACY HØEG, M.D., Ph.D.; RAM  
DURISETI, M.D., Ph.D.; AARON  
KHERIATY, M.D.; PETE  
MAZOLEWSKI, M.D.; and AZADEH  
KHATIBI, M.D., M.S., M.P.H.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the  
State of California, in his  
official capacity; KRISTINA  
LAWSON, President of the  
Medical Board of California, in  
her official capacity; RANDY  
HAWKINS, M.D., Vice President  
of the Medical Board of  
California, in his official  
capacity; LAURIE ROSE LUBIANO,  
Secretary of the Medical Board  
of California, in her official  
capacity; MICHELLE ANNE BHOLAT,  
M.D., M.P.H., DAVID E. RYU,  
RYAN BROOKS, JAMES M. HEALZER,  
M.D., ASIF MAHMOOD, M.D.,  
NICOLE A. JEONG, RICHARD E.  
THORP, M.D., VELING TSAI, M.D.,  
and ESERICK WATKINS, members of  
the Medical Board of  
California, in their official  
capacities; and ROB BONTA,  
Attorney General of California,

No. 2:22-cv-01980 WBS AC

ORDER RELATING CASES

1 in his official capacity;  
2 Defendants.

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4 LETRINH HOANG, D.O.; PHYSICIANS  
5 FOR INFORMED CONSENT, a not-for  
6 profit organization; and  
7 CHILDREN'S HEALTH DEFENSE,  
8 CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, a  
9 California Nonprofit  
10 Corporation;

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 ROB BONTA, in his official  
14 capacity as Attorney General of  
15 California; and ERIKA CALDERON,  
16 in her official capacity as  
17 Executive Officer of the  
18 Osteopathic Medical Board of  
19 California;

20 Defendants.

No. 2:22-cv-02147 DAD AC

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22 Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that  
23 they are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a), because  
24 the cases involve similar constitutional challenges to the same  
25 California statute, AB 2098. Accordingly, the assignment of the  
26 matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial  
27 saving of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for  
28 the parties.


29 The parties should be aware that relating the cases  
30 under Local Rule 123 merely has the result that both actions are  
31 assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is  
32 effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related  
33 cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to

whom the first filed action was assigned.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions denominated Hoeg v. Newsom, 2:22-cv-01980 WBS AC, and Hoang v. Bonta, 2:22-cv-02147 DAD AC, be, and the same hereby are, deemed related. The case denominated Hoang v. Bonta, 2:22-cv-02147 DAD AC, shall be reassigned to Judge WILLIAM B. SHUBB. Any dates currently set in the reassigned case only are hereby VACATED. Henceforth, the captions on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as Hoang v. Bonta, 2:22-cv-02147 WBS AC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make an appropriate adjustment in the assignment of cases to compensate for this reassignment.

Dated: December 7, 2022

  
WILLIAM B. SHUBB  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE